

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



MICHAEL F. RICE, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

John A. Hannah Building
P.O. Box 30008, Lansing, MI 48909
www.michigan.gov/mde

The State Board of Education was first provided for in the Constitution of 1850 and currently exists through the provisions of Article VIII, Section 3, of the Constitution of 1963. The state board is composed of eight members nominated by party conventions and elected at-large for terms of eight years, with two members being elected at each biennial state general election. The governor is authorized to fill vacancies on the state board and also serves as an ex officio member of the state board, without the right to vote. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is appointed by the board for a term to be determined by the board, to serve as its chair, without the right to vote.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

www.michigan.gov/sbe

Term expires

CASANDRA E. ULBRICH, <i>President</i> , Dearborn	JAN. 1, 2023
PAMELA PUGH, <i>Vice President</i> , Saginaw	JAN. 1, 2023
ELLEN COGEN LIPTON, Huntington Woods	JAN. 1, 2029
TOM McMILLIN, <i>Treasurer</i> , Oakland Township	JAN. 1, 2025
JUDITH PRITCHETT, <i>NASBE Delegate</i> , Washington Township	JAN. 1, 2027
NIKKI SNYDER, Dexter	JAN. 1, 2025
JASON STRAYHORN, Novi	JAN. 1, 2029
TIFFANY TILLEY, Southfield	JAN. 1, 2027

ex officio

GRETCHEN WHITMER, Governor

MICHAEL F. RICE, Superintendent of Public Instruction

The State Board of Education exercises its constitutional duties of leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except for institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees. It serves as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and advises the legislature as to the financial requirements for public education.

The **Office of the State Board of Education** is responsible for supervising, managing, and coordinating all activities of the State Board of Education, including policy development, operations, and communications.

The **State Board Executive** is responsible as the legal repository of all State Board of Education activities and records. The State Board Executive prepares all State Board of Education correspondence, expenses, budget, and scheduling; and prepares all State Board of Education meeting agendas, minutes, and follow-up materials.

The State Board of Education and Michigan Department of Education’s Mission is: “Support Learning and Learners.”

The **Superintendent of Public Instruction** is appointed by and responsible to the State Board of Education. The superintendent is the principal executive officer of the Department of Education and is a member of the State Administrative Board. The superintendent is the chair and a nonvoting member of the State Board of Education. The superintendent also serves on the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, the Library of Michigan Board, and the Michigan State Safety Commission. The superintendent is an ex officio member of the State Tenure Commission.

As the principal executive officer of the Department of Education, the superintendent of public instruction is responsible for assisting the State Board of Education in advising the legislature. The superintendent is responsible for the day-to-day management, supervision, and leadership of the department.

Major departmental responsibilities include: educator preparation and certification; providing technical assistance to schools in the areas of education improvement and innovation, special education, grants, transportation, health, and food programs; statewide student assessment; school accountability; career and technical education; early childhood learning; distribution of state school aid; and overseeing the distribution and use of federal education program funding. The department also operates the Library of Michigan and the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint.

The **Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction** includes a chief deputy superintendent; a deputy superintendent for finance and operations; a deputy superintendent for P-20 system and student transitions; a deputy superintendent for educator, student, and school supports; the State Board Office; the director of the Office of Public and Governmental Affairs; and the director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

The Department of Education also includes the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council, the Michigan Special Education Advisory Committee, State Tenure Commission, and the Library of Michigan Board.

MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) is a state-run agency for deaf and hard of hearing students. The MSD has both an academic and residential component. Students are placed at the school through the individualized educational program team process in their resident districts.

The MSD is a bilingual program that provides instruction in American Sign Language and English. A general education curriculum is provided, based on Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements.

The school was founded in 1848 and opened its doors to the first pupil in 1854.

	FISCAL YEAR 2019	FISCAL YEAR 2020
Average Number of Students	154	133
Legislative Appropriation ¹	\$13,430,700	\$13,515,900
Expenditures		
Salary of Principal	\$101,652	\$103,377
Salaries, wages, fringe benefits	5,671,492	5,181,794
Contractual services, supplies, materials	4,961,600	5,069,800
Travel	40,500	22,200
Total	\$10,775,244	\$10,377,171

¹ Michigan School for the Deaf (MSD) shares its operations appropriation with the Low Incidence Outreach Program (former Michigan School for the Blind). Amounts shown are for MSD use only.